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In re Application

Inventors: Bontrager, et al.

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Title: MODIFIED SPRING SYSTEM END CAP FOR  
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SHIPPING CARTONS

PATENT APPLICATION

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**Amendments**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: